negotiated with the lowest bidder M/s. CGG Pan India only.

(b) The evaluated price as per the rates quoted by the two bidders at the time of opening of the bids and as per NIT criteria are given below:

(i) M/s CGG Pan India : FRF 20,46,107 = INR 1,13,14,971.47 (1 FRF = Rs. 5.53)

(ii) M/s GECO Prakla Schlumberger subsidiary of *Schlumberger* Group of Comapines) (1 US$ = Rs. 31.61) : US$ 3,12,751.47 (a = *INR 98,86,396.07

*with price preference of 15% admissible to Indian bidders, this amount becomes INR 1,13,69,348.59.

(c) The bid of M/s CGG Pan India was in French Franc and M/s GECO Prakla in US dollar.

(d) Rs. 1170 per shot.

Out-of-turn allotment of petrol pumps in Andhra Pradesh

2561. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh on out-of-turn basis during the last three years;

(b) what is the criterion for such allotments; and

(c) what are the names of persons sanctioned petrol pumps on out-of-turn basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Retail outlet dealership are alloted on out-of-turn basis under discretionary powers of the Government in a few deserving cases on compassionate grounds. 12 retail outlet dealerships were allotted in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years on compassionate grounds.

Fire incidents in ONGC wells

2562. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of fire at ONGC's wells in Krishna Godavari basin had taken place earlier also;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of damage caused as a result of those incidents; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the organisation is not at all prepared to arrest such incidents, inspite of the fact that such incidents, do take place very often and if so, the reasons therefor and whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed in this regard; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. Sir.

Complaints of malpractices by petrol pumps PDS owners and LPG dealers

2563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a large numbert of complaints about the malpractices of petrol pump owners, LPG dealers and PDS owners;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to eliminate such complaints?